

REMARKS

Claims 1-67 were pending in the application when the Office Action was mailed February 25, 2008. Claims 1-67 were rejected. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3-9, 14, 15, 17, 19-22, 24, 27-31, 34-40, 46, 47, 49, 51-54, 57 and 60-65. Applicants have not canceled or added any claims. Accordingly, claims 1-67 remain pending.

Claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 14, 17, 30-33, 37-39, 46, 49, 56 and 63-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Iverson, Lee, "NODAL: A Filesystem for Ubiquitous Collaboration" ("NODAL"). Claims 3-5, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-29, 34-36, 40-45, 47, 48, and 50-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of NODAL and U.S. Patent No. 6,529,905 to Bray, et al. ("Bray"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview completed on July 9, 2008. During that telephonic interview, the parties discussed proposed amendments to claim 1 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Should the Examiner need further information relating to the telephonic interview, he is asked to contact the undersigned.

Although applicants disagree with the rejections of claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, applicants have nevertheless amended claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite "a processor" and "a memory coupled to the processor." During the telephonic interview, it appeared that the Examiner viewed favorably these amendments. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

With regard to the rejections of claims 1, 2, 6-8, 14, 17, 30-33, 37-39, 46, 49, 56 and 63-67 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and of claims 3-5, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-29, 34-36, 40-45, 47, 48 and 50-62 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), applicants are filing a Notice of Appeal

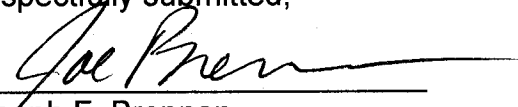
concurrently with this paper. Applicants explicitly reserve the right to address these rejections in a subsequent Appeal Brief.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6065.

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